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Title: BONE SUPPORT PLATE ASSEMBLY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated 10/19/2004 in the above-identified patent application.

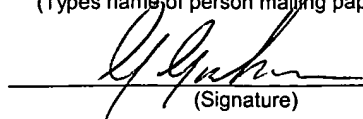
Applicant herewith elects, with traverse, the species of FIGURES 7-8 Group III. After the amendment herein, Applicant submits that all of the remaining claims, namely Claims 93-100, read on the elected species. Indeed, all of the remaining claims are generic to all of the species of all of the Groups, namely Groups I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII.

Applicant traverses on the grounds that multiple ones of the claims are generic to all of the suggested species. For example, independent Claims 1, 58, 61, 73, 85, 93, and 98 are all generic to all of the seven species identified by the examiner. Nevertheless, in order to move the application toward allowance, Claims 1-92 have been canceled thereby to focus the examination on the remaining claims.

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